



Introduction

THE FORECASTING DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (OFM) publishes Higher Education Enrollment Statistics and Projections biennially. The present publication is the most recent edition to the series of biennial documents that report on the status of higher education enrollments.

Higher education budgets, faculty and staff levels, and workload are directly related to the number of students enrolled. Reliable enrollment statistics and projections are needed to help plan for the future. This publication examines the Washington higher education system from an aggregate as well as an individual school perspective. The main purposes are to present:

- A statistical overview of the entire Washington higher education system,
- Selected enrolled student characteristics,
- Actual and budgeted enrollment data,
- Enrollment projections based on current participation rates, and Senate Bill 5781, passed in the 1993 Legislative Session,
- A perspective on demand for higher education and unmet need, and
- County enrollment participation and state enrollment participation compared to other states.

OFM will publish individual school enrollment highlights as a supplement to this document. The supplement issue will include materials received from the respective schools on the following subjects:

- University/College Characteristics,
- Access,
- Service Level and Student Flow,
- Off Campus Programs, and
- Institutional Goals or Objectives.

The main sources of enrollment data included in this document are from:

- State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC), Management Information System (MIS), and
- Higher Education Enrollment Reports (HEER) from each four-year public institution and branch campuses.

Individual institutional admissions, registrars, and research offices of all public and private four-year institutions and vocational-technical institutes, the Higher Education Coordinating Board

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(HECB), the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), the U.S. Census Bureau, and the OFM Forecasting Division provided additional data.